

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/817,559  
Applicant: Russell L. Miller  
Filed: April 2, 2004  
TC/AU: 3634  
Examiner: Sarah Purol

Confirmation No. 3797

Docket No.: D1243 1010.1 (01243.0133.5)  
Customer No.: 26158

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

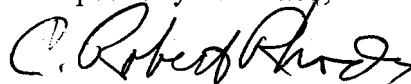
**REPLY**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2007 and the telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on November 7, 2007, Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the fact that there is a Preliminary Amendment in this case which was filed on the same day as the application. The Preliminary Amendment makes this case a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/989,502, now U.S. Patent No. 6,719,150 and adds Claims 12-20.

The Preliminary Amendment was not taken into consideration in the first Office Action. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at 336-574-8040 to discuss how the prosecution in this case can be advanced most efficiently and effectively.

Respectfully submitted,



C. Robert Rhodes  
Registration No. 24,200  
Lewis S. Rowell  
Registration No. 45,469  
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC  
P.O. Box 7037  
Atlanta, Georgia 30357-0037  
336-574-8040

Date: November 7, 2007